

Dear ALLUNY Members and Friends,

On behalf of the board of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend our upcoming 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held in Albany, New York on **Friday, October 11 & 12, 2019** at The Desmond Hotel. We have put together a varied program that should provide an opportunity for professional development and social networking among your colleagues. I sincerely hope that you will join us in Albany.

Included in this message, you will find our meeting agenda, hotel information, and a registration form. Please note that this information will also be available on the ALLUNY website under the Events menu.

You have the option of registering for the Annual Meeting either online or by mailing in the form. As you fill out the registration form, please make sure to indicate whether you have any food allergies or restrictions. All meals are included with your registration fee. We ask that you please submit your registration form by **Monday, October 7, 2019**.

We have a block of rooms at The Desmond Hotel available for reservation until **September 27, 2019**. Please make sure to book your room before then by calling 518-869-8100 and using the group code LAW to get the room rate of \$113.00 per night. You can also book your room online by going to [this webpage](#) again using the LAW group code. If you would like to arrive earlier than October 11 or stay later than October 12, please let me know. For more information about The Desmond Hotel please visit <https://www.desmondhotelsalbany.com/> Remember to book your hotel before **September 27, 2019**.

This year, in an effort to give back to our host city, ALLUNY is doing a donation drive for the [Homeless and Travelers Aid Society's Feed and Read program](#). The Homeless and Travelers Aid Society is a nonprofit whose mission is to end homelessness within Albany County and the Capital Region, and their Feed and Read program provides a backpack full of food and one age appropriate book to an Albany low-income student. A flyer about the program is included in this message. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause, you have the following options:

- Donate money: You can either submit donations online at <https://hata.networkforgood.com/projects/45007-albany-far-program> or you can bring a check written to Homeless and Travelers Aid with the phrase "Feed and Read" in the memo.
- Donate new or gently used books appropriate for grades 1 – 4 (ages 6 – 10)
- Donate shelf stable food. If possible, please send organic/natural food. Mac and cheese and GoGo Squeeze yogurts are favorites!

If you donate books or food, we will be collecting them at the Annual Meeting. If you would prefer to mail it, Corie Dugas, the Executive Director of NELLCO, has kindly offered to receive the donations. If you are mailing the donation, please send them to the below address before **October 11, 2019**:

Corie Dugas  
NELLCO

756 Madison Ave. Suite 102, Albany, NY 12208  
This information is also in the registration form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions about the meeting. Until then, I hope to see you in October!

Sincerely,

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